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Dear Sir:

This amendment is being filed in reply to the outstanding Office Action, mailed on November 2, 2005, in connection with the above application. Applicants respectfully request a THREE-month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

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